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E.O. 11652: GDS
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REF: UDORN 0130 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONREP INTERVIEWED POLICE OFFICIALS IN PHON PHISAI AND BUNG
KAN DISTRICTS, NONG KHAI PROVINCE, JUNE 1 AND OBTAINED FOLLOWING
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2. OFFICIALS IN TWO DISTRICTS REPORT COMBINED TOTAL OF ONLY 13
NEW HMONG ARRIVALS DURING PERIOD MAY 23-JUNE 1, WITH MOST
ENTERING AT BUNG KAN. THEY ADD THAT 47 LOWLAND LAO REFUGEES ALSO
ENTERED THESE DISTRICTS DURING SAME PERIOD.

3. GROUP OF SEVEN HMONG REFUGEES, CONSISTING OF SIX WOMEN AND

ONE BOY, WHO ENTERED BUNG KAN MORNING OF JUNE 1 INFORMED CONREP THAT THEY WERE ORIGINALLY PART OF LARGE GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 200 WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND 50 MEN WHO DEPARTED PHU BIA AREA TWO AND ONE HALF MONTHS AGO. THEY CLAIM THAT THEY WERE RECENTLY SEPARATED FROM THIS GROUP, WHOSE NUMBERS HAD BEEN GREATLY DEPLETED THROUGH COMBAT CASUALTIES, CAPTURE, SICKNESS, AND SIMPLY GETTING LOST. THEY STATE THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW FATE OF REMAINDER OF THEIR GROUP.

4. COMMENT- MONTH OF MAY REVEALED SHARP DROP IN HMONG INFLUX INTO NONG KHAI PROVINCE TO JUST OVER 200 AS COMPARED TO NEARLY 1000 HMONG ARRIVALS PER MONTH DURING MARCH AND APRIL. ACCORDING TO POLICE OFFICIALS AND REFUGEE SOURCES, SIZEABLE NUMBERS OF HMONG ARE STILL WAITING ACROSS MEKONG RIVER FOR OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THAILAND. HOWEVER, LEVEL OF RIVER HAS INCREASED MARKEDLY DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, ADDING TO DIFFICULTY OF SUCCESSFUL CROSSING.

5. WE ALSO NOTE THAT AS NUMBERS OF NEW HMONG REFUGEES DECREASED NOTABLY DURING MAY, TOTAL OF NEW LOWLAND LAO ARRIVALS ROSE SHARPLY. WE WILL REPORT ON LOWLAND LAO REFUGEE INCREASE SEPTEL. FINNEY UNQUOTE
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